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[00:00:05] Del Bigtree

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[00:00:44] Jenn Sherry Parry, Executive Producer

Yeah. Let's do this.

[00:00:46] Del Bigtree

Action. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Wherever you are out there in the world, it's time for us all to step out onto the Highwire. There's been a lot of people walking the Highwire lately. Um, and one of them is Robert Kennedy Jr. Just shortly after Anthony Fauci last week plead the fifth. Half the day long we reported on that and talked a lot about it. Uh, Robert Kennedy Jr appeared on CNN for a very rare, uh, intense debate with Dana Bash. It's gone viral everywhere. I've seen all sides arguing who actually won the debate. Um, and I know that some of us are weighing in going, oh, I wish he would have said that or oh, I wish you'd have said that or oh, he nailed it there. Um, I actually come to this with just a slightly different perspective than most because I was Robert Kennedy Jr's director of communications when he ran for president of the United States. I was actually the guy prepping him before interviews, like we saw this week on CNN. And I would be the one.

[00:02:07] Del Bigtree

Then afterwards, when maybe some of the dust had settled, talking about what had gone very well and what maybe could have been done a little bit differently in this case, I think Robert Kennedy Jr did a fantastic job, especially from our side's point of view. But I question how he affected the middle. I don't know, I'd have to see polling. Did he move hearts and minds that are just in that questioning stage? Because obviously, the fans of CNN are going to take Dana's side and the fans of Bobby are going to take Bobby's side. But we all really care about those open minded people or those minds that are open in the middle. Did he grab them? And so what I want to talk about is what I think maybe he could have done a little differently from the perspective of what I know, what I've taught him and what I've said. But before we get to that, let me take a look at a piece of this interview and we're going to break it apart. Take a look at this.

[00:03:00] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

Measles cases in the U.S. just reached a 35 year high, the second record breaking year in a row. 93% of these cases are among the unvaccinated. The outbreak is happening on your watch. And even before becoming HHS Secretary, for years, you have been one of the leading voices questioning the efficacy of vaccines. Do you accept some responsibility for this measles outbreak?

[00:03:28] Robert F. Kennedy Jr. , U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services

Absolutely not. First of all, this is an international outbreak. So and we're doing better at handling it than any country in the world. Mexico has 15 times the amount of measles per capita that we have. Canada has four times the amount of measles. England has two times the amount of measles. Did I cause those measles outbreaks?

[00:03:50] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

You're the most famous cause.

[00:03:52] Robert F. Kennedy Jr. , U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services

Did I cause 137,000 cases.

[00:03:55] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

You're the most famous vaccine skeptic on the planet.

[00:03:58] Robert F. Kennedy Jr. , U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services

Let me tell you, because actually, Anthony Fauci and his diaries answers the question about why we're having a measles outbreak right now. The reason we're having a measles outbreak, because the Covid lockdowns, because people didn't have children during that period, did not get vaccinated.

[00:04:14] Del Bigtree

And, oh, I hated that part of this response. Tony Fauci even says in his diary, there's going to be measles outbreaks because of the kids that didn't vaccinate during Covid. The problem with that argument, ultimately, is Bobby's even going to go against it just a few sentences later when he admits the actual truth is that the kids that are getting measles are in families who have a religious belief against vaccinations, either Mennonite, Amish, or maybe even the Del Bigtree family and people like me that don't vaccinate our kids. We are catching measles, and when we do, we're not shocked by it. We're not rushing to hospitals. In fact, a lot of us are rushing into measles parties because we want our kids to catch it. That's the reality. The news may go crazy about it, but the people catching measles, this is what they want to be happening inside of their family. And so to make the argument that Tony Fauci, I get why he's doing it because he's he's taking Dana Bash's fan and fandom of, of Tony Fauci and using his own argument. But it's not Bobby's argument. Bobby knows this is really about people that are making this choice. But what I want to tell you now is there is actually an unassailable argument that and this is a little inside baseball that I taught Bobby to use in media interactions, just like this one. It is clear to me now. It's been too long since the last time he's used it because he forgot to use it.

[00:05:37] Del Bigtree

And I'm going to tell you what it is right now. This is the best argument to make. In fact, I believe it's the only argument he needs to make as HHS secretary. What Dana Bash said is you are the face of vaccine skepticism. You're the world's leading vaccine skeptic or some form of that. And what I would say to Bobby going to these interviews is I am not a vaccine skeptic. I'm a vaccine realist. I have never said vaccines are not effective. That is not been my discussion. It's been around the safety of vaccines. And let me be perfectly clear people who receive measles vaccines, by and large, the majority of them will block having symptomatic measles infections for many, many years. We give several doses to try to extend that amount of time. I've never said anything about that, but what I am not going to do is imbue this vaccine with some mythological attribute it doesn't actually have. It is not perfectly safe for everyone that uses it. Is it not made by angels, flown in on Pegasus and just blesses every child that touches it? The reason I know this is not true is because of this right here. This is a vaccine insert. This is the warning label that arrives in the box with every single vaccine we deliver. I did not write the injuries that are listed here in this vaccine insert. I did not do the studies that found that children were being harmed by this.

[00:07:11] Del Bigtree

I did not do the studies that try to disprove some of these side effects have been ineffective at achieving that. That's why they're still listed here. Things like brain swelling, encephalitis, transverse myelitis, that is paralysis, anaphylaxis, which can lead to death. None of those things do I have anything to do with what I am focused on is telling people the truth, which is these injuries happen to some children and some people every single year. The known fact the science behind vaccines is there are kids that will be maimed, injured, and yes, in some cases they will be killed by their vaccinations this year. And so you may say that is my job as HHS secretary to lie to the public and tell them this is made by angels, and it's as safe as fairy dust. But I don't actually believe that's the job of a public official. I believe HHS secretary should tell people the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and trust that they can make decisions from there. In addition, I believe that HHS Secretary should take some of the billions of dollars that are flowing through HHS and do some studies on the children that represent these injuries, those that are being maimed and injured every year. We should study them. We should get focused on them. Is there some commonality? Is there a genetic susceptibility that leads to them having more vaccine injuries? Because then maybe we could do a blood test or a urine test, or maybe even a breath test that says, oh, you fall into this category.

[00:08:53] Del Bigtree

You have a heightened risk for vaccine injury. We have a different program for you. Robert Kennedy Jr. Is an attorney. He spent his life cleaning up rivers. That river didn't affect everyone in America. It affected those people that lived on that river who had water supply that were being poisoned by it. They were rare. Why should anybody care about them? But luckily for them, Robert Kennedy Jr. Did. And lawyers like him do care about those people. And by making their lives better, essentially they make all of our lives better. And so I think he's the perfect candidate and person to be as HHS secretary for all those reasons. Let's focus on the problems no one wants to talk about. No one wants to deal with. So anyway, I thought about, you know, texting Bobby. Hey, Bobby, remember the unassailable argument we worked on? But then I thought, you know, it would be a lot more fun to just do this live and in public. I hope he's not upset about this, but we use an AI generator and I put this argument into Robert Kennedy Jr's mouth. I even wrote a couple of lines that I thought Dana Bash might say if he tried to make this argument. So this is completely fictional. There's your caveat. This is how the interview would have gone in Del Bigtree perfect world. Watch this.

[00:10:11] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

You're the most famous vaccine skeptic on the planet.

[00:10:15] AI Generated RFK Voice

I am not a vaccine skeptic. I am a vaccine realist. I have never said that vaccines are not effective. The majority of people who receive a measles vaccine will not have a symptomatic measles infection. I have no problem saying that. But what I will not do is imbue vaccines with mythological properties they do not have. They are not manufactured by angels. They are not perfectly safe for everyone that receives them. They have serious side effects, just like every drug we see advertised on TV.

[00:10:41] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

You are the HHS secretary and you are talking about things that that that lead to vaccine hesitancy.

[00:10:50] AI Generated RFK Voice

So what are you saying, Dana, that as HHS Secretary, I shouldn't be telling the people the truth. Dana, are you aware that there is a warning label that is wrapped around every vaccine that is delivered to your doctor? If you don't believe me, just Google FDA licensed vaccines. Choose your favorite vaccine and click on Package Insert. You'll see that just like every drug we take, vaccines have a list of very serious potential side effects. Things like anaphylaxis, which is an allergic reaction to the vaccine that can cause death, encephalopathy, which is swelling of the brain that can cause permanent brain damage. Learning disabilities, Ian Barré syndrome, and transverse myelitis that can cause permanent paralysis. The list goes on and on. But I didn't write that list. I am simply pointing out that this list exists and that serious side effects are real. And for that I am labeled a skeptic or an anti-vaxxer.

[00:11:35] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

I think experts would say that you are putting too much attention on side effects that are extremely rare.

[00:11:40] AI Generated RFK Voice

Do you know what else is extremely rare, Dana? Death from measles. Do you know the actual deaths from measles in America in 1962, the year before the vaccine became available, was about 400. That means about 1 in 500,000 Americans died that year from measles. That's super rare. Our entire vaccine program is built around protecting children against very rare but serious reactions to what were once considered benign childhood infections. But what about the rare individuals now that cannot tolerate vaccines? Why can't we talk about them? Why aren't we protecting them?

[00:12:11] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

Why not do some studies on that, whether there's your environmental lawyer, whether their environmental factors that go into contributing to a predisposed genetic situation.

[00:12:21] AI Generated RFK Voice

As HHS Secretary, that is what I'm going to do. I am taking a few of the billions of dollars that are flowing through HHS, and I am funding studies that focus on the children and people who are having serious adverse reactions. Maybe there is a certain combination of vaccines that is causing the problem. Maybe some kids can't handle ten vaccines at one time. Maybe there is a genetic susceptibility that makes them more vulnerable to vaccine injuries. And then maybe we can find a blood test or a urine test, or even a breath test that we perform before vaccinations that could flag these children. And then we can develop a different protocol specifically for them.

[00:12:56] Dana Bash, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN

Again, I really want to move on.

[00:12:58] AI Generated RFK Voice

In America every child matters. Every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. But this year, an innocent child will die from a bad reaction to vaccination. That child could have grown up to be president of the United States. Or maybe they would have grown up to be a virologist that advances medicine in ways we never dreamed. But they will be robbed of that opportunity because we thought their issue was too rare to care. Well, this HHS secretary does care. I'm not taking vaccines away from the kids who are thriving with the vaccine program. I'm focused on the ones that aren't. I am assembling the best team of scientists in the world to find a way to make sure that no child is ever injured again. This is what the American people want. It's what they expect. And I believe that when we fix this problem, no matter how rare we think it is, we will see confidence in science again, and I believe that will make America healthy again.

[00:13:44] Del Bigtree

Well, it's a little bit like South Park AI. At least the version we're using isn't fully there. But I think you get the point. I'd love to see your comments right now. If you're watching, go ahead and make a comment. Do you think that's the unassailable argument? How do you argue against that? I am not trying to take away your vaccines. I'm just focused on the people that are not having a good reaction. Can't we care about them now? I know a lot of you will, right? Well, del, what about choice? Or, you know, what about, you know, the fact that it's not that rare that you have to understand the question or the comment and the moment that he's in, that is all that we're addressing there. And I think if Robert Kennedy Jr said that if every senator, if every representative just took on this position, do are we not allowed to care about these individuals that are having a bad reaction? You cannot, you know, scientifically say it's not happening. We know it is. There's a warning label that proves it. And so we want to help them. It's just that simple. We don't need all the rest of the arguments around this. Anyway, I'd love to see your comments. We have a great show coming up. I've got Topher Field, who is, I think, if not the one of the leading voices that was in defiance against the lockdowns in Australia during Covid. He made an incredible documentary about it. I can't wait to talk to him. And he has some thoughts on how America is the most important part of this entire conversation when we look to the future. But first, it's time for the Jaxen report. Alright. Well, we're still a ways off from the pure deepfake, thank God. But that was kind of fun, I thought.

[00:15:35] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

It was every every aspect of that conversation is just is really interesting to watch. It's pure gold.

[00:15:41] Del Bigtree

Yeah. Yeah, totally. So so what's going on this week? I know we've just been streaming a hearing live this morning. Uh, what do we got going on?

[00:15:51] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Oh, we have some stuff going on. Tell if your name is Doctor Anthony Fauci. Today has been a really bad day for you. Um, we have Rand Paul's Senate Homeland Security Committee and they have voted Fauci in contempt of Congress. Now, as most people would probably have guessed, the Democratic members of this Senate committee tried every way to get out of this vote. They tried motions put forward to stop the vote, motions put forward to maybe start a nine over 11 commission instead of prosecuting Fauci even a motion to give Fauci further immunity so he would maybe talk. But in the end, the first step of justice for American people looks like it is dawning and it look like this.

[00:16:33] Del Bigtree

Alright.

[00:16:36] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

Eight days ago. Doctor Anthony Fauci sat before this committee in the witness chair under subpoena for conduct covered by the President Biden's full and unconditional pardon. Reaching back to 2014, Doctor Fauci faced no risk of federal prosecution. All he had to do was tell the truth. More than 100 times, though, he refused. The chair ruled that Doctor Fauci's assertion of the Fifth Amendment privilege was unsupported in light of the pardon and the testimony he offered in his opening statement. That is what we are voting on today. Not his opinions, not his policies, not anything, he said from a podium six years ago. We are voting on whether a witness who has received the benefit of a sweeping federal pardon can be ordered by this committee to answer questions and then defy that order without consequence.

[00:17:30] Sen. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (D-MI)

This investigation has been one sided from the beginning. The minority has excluded been, has been excluded from witness interviews and full access to committee records and information has been selectively released to support conclusions that the chairman reached years ago. If these investigations are one sided, it's because one side simply doesn't want to look at the truth. They want to bury the truth. They want a memory hole. It. They don't want to look at the the Fauci diaries and take a look at how contradictory what he wrote to himself, how contradictory it was to what he actually told the public. What he displayed last Wednesday was contempt for Congress, contempt for this committee, contempt for our investigation, the same contempt that our ranking member, our ranking members have shown for the diligent oversight. And the exposing of the truth. The other side. Like way too many Americans have just closed their eyes, covered up their ears, and refused, refused to look at the truth.

[00:18:48] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

With regard to access to records, there has been an unprecedented access to records. They have all been uploaded on a website that you were invited to join. You refused to join. You had utter disdain. You never even asked for the password. Not one of you ever signed up. It's been up for over a year.

[00:19:06] Sen. Josh Hawley, United States Senator (R-MO)

The reason that I asked Doctor Fauci what color his tie was and what day of the week it was, and what color the carpet is. It was precisely to test the good faith nature of his invocation of the Fifth Amendment. And the United States Supreme Court has been clear for over a century, dating back to 1896, that when a witness has received immunity, he may not stand upon his privilege. I think it's pretty clear, given Doctor Fauci 111 invocations of the Fifth Amendment included questions that he could have no fear of prosecution on. I'm going to get prosecuted for the color of his tie shows that he had no interest and no intention of answering any of our questions, and that is an abuse of the there's no privilege for any of that. And I think there was no good faith attempt to invoke it.

[00:19:51] Sen. Margaret Hassan, United States Senator (D-NH)

The goal was to wait for Doctor Fauci to make any kind of misstatement and then have a weaponized Department of Justice file criminal charges for that new statement that would not have been covered by the pardon, leaving Doctor Fauci little choice but to invoke his constitutional right to not walk directly into a trap. I move to table consideration of this resolution until the chairman invites the views of legal experts who can speak to the constitutional questions and legal authorities. Chairman Paul has raised in his contempt of Congress resolution.

[00:20:27] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

This motion is intended to avoid accountability. I will oppose this motion and urge my colleagues to do the same.

[00:20:33] Female Speaker

Senator Johnson.

[00:20:34] Ron Johnson, (R) United States Senator from Wisconsin

No.

[00:20:35] Female Speaker

Senator Lankford,

[00:20:35] Sen. James Lankford, United States Senator (R-OK)

No.

[00:20:36] Female Speaker

Senator Scott,

[00:20:37] Sen. Rick Scott, United States Senator (R-FL)

No.

[00:20:38] Female Speaker

Senator Hawley.

[00:20:38] Sen. Josh Hawley, United States Senator (R-MO)

No

[00:20:40] Female Speaker

Senator Moreno

[00:20:41] Female Speaker

Senator Ernst. Sen. Moody. Senator Peters.

[00:20:46] Senator Gary Peters, (D-MI)

Yes.

[00:20:47] Female Speaker

Senator Hassan.

[00:20:48] Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH)

Yes.

[00:20:49] Female Speaker

Senator Blumenthal.

[00:20:50] Sen. Richard Blumenthal, United State Senator (D-CT)

Yes.

[00:20:51] Female Speaker

Senator Federman.

[00:20:52] Senator John Fetterman, (D-PA)

Aye.

[00:20:53] Female Speaker

Senator Kim.

[00:20:54] Senator Andy Kim, (D-NJ)

Yes.

[00:20:55] Female Speaker

Senator Gallego.

[00:20:56] Senator Rueben Gallego (D-AZ)

Yes by proxy.

[00:20:57] Female Speaker

Senator Slotkin.

[00:20:58] Male Speaker

Yes. By proxy.

[00:20:59] Female Speaker

Senator Paul.

[00:21:00] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

No.

[00:21:01] Female Speaker

This vote, the yeas are seven, the nays are eight. And the motion is not agreed to.

[00:21:04] Sen. James Lankford, United States Senator (R-OK)

I move to postpone consideration of this resolution until the committee has an opportunity to hear from Doctor Fauci's attorney.

[00:21:13] Female Speaker

On this vote. The yeas are seven, the nays are eight, and the motion is not agreed to.

[00:21:16] Sen. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (D-MI)

Members of this committee should move to table this resolution.

[00:21:19] Female Speaker

On this vote. The yeas are seven, the nays are eight, and the motion is not agreed to.

[00:21:23] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

Seeing no other motions, the question is on reporting of an original resolution regarding contempt of Congress. The Congress. The clerk will call the roll.

[00:21:29] Female Speaker

Senator Johnson.

[00:21:30] Ron Johnson, (R) United States Senator from Wisconsin

Yes.

[00:21:31] Female Speaker

Senator Lankford.

[00:21:32] Sen. James Lankford, United States Senator (R-OK)

Aye.

[00:21:33] Female Speaker

Senator Scott.

[00:21:34] Sen. Rick Scott, United States Senator (R-FL)

Yes.

[00:21:35] Female Speaker

Senator Hawley.

[00:21:35] Sen. Josh Hawley, United States Senator (R-MO)

Aye.

[00:21:36] Female Speaker

Senator Moreno

[00:21:37] Sen. Rick Scott, United States Senator (R-FL)

On behalf of the millions of people harmed by Anthony Fauci. Resoundingly. Yes.

[00:21:42] Female Speaker

Sen. Sen. Moody. Senator. Peters.

[00:21:46] Sen. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (D-MI)

No.

[00:21:48] Female Speaker

Senator Hassan.

[00:21:48] Sen. Margaret Hassan, United States Senator (D-NH)

No.

[00:21:49] Female Speaker

Senator Blumenthal.

[00:21:51] Female Speaker

Senator Fetterman.

[00:21:54] Female Speaker

Senator Kim.

[00:21:56] Female Speaker

Senator Gallego.

[00:21:57] Senator Rueben Gallego (D-AZ)

No. By proxy.

[00:21:59] Female Speaker

Senator Slotkin.

[00:21:59] Male Speaker

No. By proxy.

[00:22:01] Female Speaker

Senator Paul.

[00:22:01] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

Yes.

[00:22:02] Female Speaker

Mr. chairman, on the vote of those present, the yeas are eight. The nays are five. On the vote by proxy. And for the record, only the yeas are zero. The nays are two. On this vote, the yeas are eight, the nays are five, and the motion is agreed to.

[00:22:14] Sen. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (D-MI)

Mr. chairman, uh, pursuant pursuant to committee.

[00:22:17] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

Recognized you.

[00:22:19] Sen. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (D-MI)

Mr. Chairman.

[00:22:21] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

We've had ample remarks on this. The chair will limit remarks to two minutes. I will give you another chance to state your opinion, which has been amply stated. You have two minutes.

[00:22:31] Sen. Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (D-MI)

Well, Mr. Chairman, pursuant to Committee rule six B and Senate Rule 26, section ten C, I'm notifying you that I intend to file minority views regarding this resolution.

[00:22:44] Sen. Rand Paul, MD. Chair, Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs (R-KY)

The clerk will report the conclusion of the vote and that it is reported favorably.

[00:22:51] Del Bigtree

It's. Again, I'm going to say the same thing I said last week. It came down to party lines and it's amazing. I don't understand why this is Partizan. I don't know why one party sees a problem. The only way he would have been in any trouble was if he'd lied. All he had to do was get up there and not lie like anyone on any stand at any time. They're like, he's going to trap you. Trap? You know, we were going to ask questions. Just don't lie. No problem. If you don't lie, tell us the entire truth. Now, since it doesn't matter. And so I still ask, what is it? Democrats are protecting? Are they protecting the right to perform gain of function research? Are they protecting the right to lie to the American people? Are they protecting the right to lock us down for no reason? Are they protecting the right to tell us to wear masks when there's no science behind it? Are they protecting the right to state? Science exists when it doesn't actually exist? I do not understand what is happening here. Jefferey in all honesty.

[00:23:54] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And as you heard Senator Paul say, as the public rushed into these files in droves and looked at a truer, accurate accounting of the pandemic through Fauci's own words, not one Democratic senator asked for the password before they went public to get into these files, to read them all. Not one. So we have Senator Rand Paul. He took to X right after the vote, and he wrote this passed by Republicans on behalf of the millions of Americans and their families still affected years after the Covid pandemic. The resolution to hold Anthony Fauci in contempt of Congress has passed out of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee by a vote of 8 to 5. That is down party lines. Now, what happens next? This goes to the president of the Senate, which is JD Vance. That's a fast track to him. He certifies that to the Department of Justice. So we have two steps. Jd Vance has to act. Department of justice has to now further investigate. So will this happen? I believe the American public is waiting with bated breath. Now, last night at the 11th hour, Wall Street Journal puts out this exclusive. Senator Paul's committee obtained Fauci's Covid era iPhone. Senator panel says it has obtained a copy of Fauci's Covid era phone. That is his iPhone. No more word on that. Will that be public? Will they open source that so the public can look through that? We don't know.

[00:25:12] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Will that be further evidence against him for the Department of Justice? Um, it's just it's just not looking good for Fauci. But again, these massive things Vance and the Department of Justice have to act at this point. But regardless, a historic day, maybe one step closer to closure for the American people here, a form of justice. Um, it is a it is a banner day for the American people, at least in this aspect of that. Now, there's a lot that happened yesterday. We have also Trump's pick for the CDC director, someone he called a star. We have Erica Schwartz. Here's the headline here. Doctor Erica Schwartz confirmed as CDC's first official director in a year. That spot has been vacant for quite some time. And if you think of the CDC and you think of the distrust that was created during the pandemic era, you look at that CDC, that is a concentration, a symbolic concentration of the American people's distrust of health authorities. So, Erica, Doctor Schwartz is walking in there with a big job. She has to build trust. Fortunately for the public, during her confirmation hearing, she committed to a debate, perhaps a first step to build trust. Sounded like this. Take a listen.

[00:26:26] Angela Alsobrooks, (D) US Senator for Maryland

Doctor Schwartz, after your nomination, Secretary Kennedy's anti-vaccine ally, uh, Aaron Aaron Siri, called you the queen of mandating vaccines during your time at the Coast Guard. And so what is your response to Aaron Siri and other anti-vaccine advocates criticizing you for supporting vaccine mandates?

[00:26:45] Dr. Erica Schwartz, Nominee to be the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Senator, I want to be the CDC director for all Americans. I don't want to be the CDC director just for Americans that believe in vaccines. I want to be the CDC director for Aaron Siri and people that have concerns about vaccines. I, I approach this position with humility. I want to be a nation centered CDC director. I want to make sure I understand why parents have vaccine hesitancy. As Sean mentioned, I don't want to ignore them. I don't want to dismiss them. I want to have an open conversation with them. I would love to have a conversation with Aaron Siri. I would love to understand his concerns about vaccines. I would love to have an open and transparent debate. And that's the kind of CDC director that I would like to be.

[00:27:29] Del Bigtree

Alright. Let me take this opportunity, Jefferey, to rehash in a better form than AI can do, whether it gets to Aaron or not, this is what Bobby needs to do. Walk into her Schwartz and say, are you aware of this exists? This is a vaccine insert. Okay, I am not an anti-vaxxer. I didn't write this list. This is the list of side effects. We know these harms are happening. They've they've done studies to try and disprove that these happen. They haven't been able to do it. So here's if you are going to be the CDC director for everybody under me as HHS secretary, I'm not taking vaccines away. I want to start doing studies on what is causing these injuries for those that it's happening to. We are here for everybody. So let's start a program. Being there for the vaccine injured. That's all I'm asking you to do. We are going to do these studies and we're going to figure out is is a genetic disposition. Is there some combination of outside elements? Don't eat cheeseburgers before you get an MMR vaccine? I don't know, but we need to do this research so that everybody in America has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I don't see where she goes from there. And I think we end this. You're an anti-vaxxer. I'm not an anti-vaxxer. This is real. I am dealing with this. There it is. I'm going to keep beating on it. But that's why this argument works. We're not getting into hyperbole. We're not out in some mythological place you want us to be in. We are dealing with a very real problem, and rare can no longer be the excuse to avoid it.

[00:29:01] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Absolutely. And she has a lot of work to do. Upon hearing on her confirmation as director, and Siri publicly noted that he is standing by for any type of communication from the office of Doctor Eric Schwartz at the CDC director to set up that conversation. I'm sure we'll hear more about that, whether it happens or not. But let's talk about the vote that just happened because, I mean, we wake up this morning, Tony Fauci is held in contempt. We have a CDC director willing to to debate our ICAN attorney, our lead attorney. A pretty good day for ICAN here.

[00:29:30] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Yeah. So if the vote went another way for Fauci, if he if he did get off, get pardoned, walked away into the sunset, maybe the public would have been a little different. The temperature would have been turned down. But the week leading up until today has seen an absolute explosion in the public space. In the public sphere, social media has been burning off the hook. Uh, independent media, we have comedians making jokes about Fauci all over online, and then the sports players jump in. Here's quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Take a listen.

[00:30:04] Del Bigtree

Alright.

[00:30:05] Male Speaker

Can you tell us about the mindset of coming into your last season? Like that's a real thing. It feels like because is everything better? Is everything funner? Is everything more awesome? Like, how do you kind of view this year versus maybe the years of the past.

[00:30:16] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

I'm going to plead the fifth.

[00:30:17] Male Speaker

Okay. Okay.

[00:30:21] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

Gotta love that guy. Like that. Absolute coward. Tony Fauci. Absolute coward. Are you kidding me?

[00:30:29] Male Speaker

Yeah, 111.

[00:30:30] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

You got a pardon? And you're. And you pleaded over a hundred times. Yeah. At the white House. What are you scared of, Tony? I thought you were the science.

[00:30:37] Male Speaker

Yeah. Yeah.

[00:30:38] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

I thought you were. I am science, and you get up there and he can't answer a question. Yeah. What are we doing? And how much time did the network spend on that? How much time did they spend on my responses every week on my vaccination status, on Taylor and Travis's wedding? Yeah. Did they do did they do even a minute? Did they do even a minute on Tony Fauci?

[00:30:59] Male Speaker

No, I don't think I've heard.

[00:31:00] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

I bet they didn't.

[00:31:01] Male Speaker

But on that note, and there was another scandal this offseason, too, involving a voter for MVP, for coach of the year. How much time do you did your network spend? Where's your camp? Did your network spend on that Network. I wish, I wish, I. Wish. This is awesome. Go back to Fauci. Yeah. Go back to the coward, Tony Fauci.

[00:31:23] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

Hold on. Who's spending the entire time writing in his diary about how fun it is to be famous? You gotta be kidding me.

[00:31:30] Male Speaker

Okay, so on that note.

[00:31:31] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

What are you going to say about me now? What are you gonna say about me?

[00:31:34] Male Speaker

I got no debate here. You had a five.

[00:31:36] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

Seriously, what are they going to say about me now? Now, now. You can't talk about the Covid stuff because obviously it was it was made in a lab in China. That's like not even questionable anymore. Tony Fauci is an absolute criminal. I'm on I'm on good terms with my family. I'm on good terms with my family. What are you going to say now? What are you going to say now?

[00:31:55] Male Speaker

What to let you know. It's been a fun ride for you.

[00:31:57] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

I mean, it's been a great, great life and a great career. And it's nice to be sitting on this side now, especially after that coward played the fifth over 100 times. Okay. I thought you had a pardon there, Tony. Why couldn't you answer one question the entire time?

[00:32:11] Male Speaker

Okay, we got four minutes until the heart out.

[00:32:12] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

Yeah, I got four more minutes to keep this shit going.

[00:32:15] Male Speaker

Keep it going.

[00:32:16] Aaron Rodgers, Pittsburgh Steelers QB

Anything else? I got at least four minutes.

[00:32:17] Male Speaker

Okay.

[00:32:20] Del Bigtree

I keep saying it. Jefferey. The genie's out of the bottle. The cat is out of the bag. Once athletes can openly talk about something that no one could talk about once comedians are hitting it everywhere. There is no turning back now. The, you know, humor and the ability to laugh shows you we are past this and we are we're, you know, we're ready for growth. We're evolving. Change is happening.

[00:32:44] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

It's it's nice to see Aaron getting after it there. I hope he's having fun. And you know, speaking of the sports players it vindicates all of them. Kyrie Irving. Novak Djokovic. Yeah all of them. They this is their victory lap here in a small way. But let's get back to work del because. Okay. Senator Rand Paul open sourced another tranche of documents, this time about everybody's favorite Non-scientist Non-doctor who gives health advice bill gates. Let's go right into these because it involves Tony Fauci as well. Now first one here we have Bill gates emailing directly to Tony Fauci during the pandemic 2021. Mind you, pandemic is raging and he needs some book advice. He says, Tony, happy New year. Hope this note finds you well. I've been working on a book entitled How to Prevent the Next Pandemic, and I'm getting ready to submit it to the publisher. What a great person to ask. Obviously, it would mean a lot to me if you were able to find time to look it over before I submit, I was. I will be curious to hear your ideas for improving, especially chapter nine, which is the plan I'm proposing for the world. I'm going to go more into that in a second. It may be too much to ask, but if you had time to look over it before Sunday the ninth, he's basically saying, could you could you please do this? The book is scheduled to release on May 3rd, 2022.

[00:33:54] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

I need you to do this. Can you find time in your busy schedule? So Tony Fauci writes back to him almost immediately. Hey, Bill, thanks for sending this. I have done three things. Skim through the book in its entirety. I very carefully read chapter nine very carefully and provided track edits and several comments and three. I gave the manuscript in close confidence to a trusted colleague who destroyed it after reading his name as Doctor David Morenz. He's read the entire book and has provided comments on every chapter. Where have we heard that name before? A trusted colleague who has a propensity to destroy documents and evidence. Well, that's the indicted by the Department of Justice, David Morenz. That happened at the end of May. Here's the headline out of Department of Justice. Former senior NIAID official indicted for concealing federal records during Covid pandemic. He's the guy that he can he can make FOIA documents disappear. He's saying, don't worry. Tony knows how to make documents disappear. And from what I understand, Rand Paul and his committee and the investigators are putting pressure on Morenz right now to to turn over to turn evidence on Fauci. So by offering him immunity, we'll see what happens with that.

[00:34:59] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

But let's go back into Bill Gates, because something interesting happened here. There's a memo Bill Gates sends to Tony Fauci. He says, Tony, the attached memo sets out how I'm thinking about the Covid pandemic in its various aspects. Now, this was before the vaccine was even developed. This was at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. He writes this email to Tony Fauci. I plan on sharing it in its full length with some key audience, like the W.H.O. policy makers, and might do a shorter version for the broader public. I've been I've been getting great feedback, um, over the last few weeks. So if you think changes or additions are needed, please let me know. So by the way, here is a private citizen who thinks the world's overpopulated, getting a front row seat to make government policy for the United States. Just keep that in mind. So here is his document that he sent to Tony Fauci to get revisions. And it is called pandemic one in April 2020, the first modern pandemic. Assuming there'll be more of those pretty soon. What's his plan? Here it is in Bill Gates's own writings. Given the stamp of approval by Tony Fauci, the goal is to pick the 1 or 2 best vaccine constructs and vaccinate the entire world. That's 7 billion doses if it's a single dose vaccine and 14 billion if it's a two dose vaccine.

[00:36:09] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

What if it's a nine dose vaccine or 11 dose vaccine for immunosuppressed people? That's what we're up to right now. How much money are you going to make their bill? All right. So let's go to the Department of Energy because again, they give Bill Gates the red carpet treatment. This is the email that was asked by Senator Rand Paul directly and his committee to the Department of Energy just at the end of July. Here it is. They asked him if Bill Gates has any special security clearances. Department of energy writes back this. The Department of Energy. Office of headquarters. Security vetting. There's redacted. There was the office responsible for processing Mr. Gates's security clearance. Mr.. Gates, Department of energy Q letter Q clearance was reciprocally granted on June 11th, 2014 and subsequently terminated on December 6th, 2021. Okay, a couple things to unpack here. A Q clearance that's a federal top secret clearance. So he, Bill Gates at that point gets access to top secret national security information, from nuclear weapons to atomic energy, restricted data. All of that. But it was reciprocally granted, meaning that the Department of Energy did not do it. Another agency already had given him top secret clearance. What agency that is? We don't know.

[00:37:19] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

I'm assuming Senator Rand Paul is going to send letters out to figure that out. But the Department of Energy said, hey, we just rubber stamped this from 2014 to 2021. So let's let's unpack this investigation here. Bill Gates 2014 gets top secret energy clearance to the Department of the United States. What does he do? 2015 he starts an energy fund called the Breakthrough Energy Fund. Basically, it's an umbrella company. "Bill Gates leads new fund as fears of us retreat on climate grow." He couches it in climate. We have to save the earth. We need new energy systems. We have to shut down oil and gas. And I'm going to be the guy to do this. I'm moving away from vaccines. I have top secret clearance, and I'm going to take this because the climate needs it. Well, he invests in lots of companies, almost 30 different energy companies, alternative energy companies. But the veil slips when the data centers come out and artificial intelligence is dropped, climate goes to the wayside. Forget about climate. Remember the people have. We get to get to enjoy, um, making our making our lives smaller, reducing, cutting back sustainability, um, don't fly as much all of that for climate. But once AI comes out, we have this Bill gates a look at the energy companies Bill gates is backing.

[00:38:33] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

This was just last year "as Microsoft, Google and Amazon build on their artificial intelligence ambitions. The tech giants are also entering the race for alternative energy to meet AI's massive consumption of power." So that's that's what they get, of course. But we as people here, the public, this is the browbeating we continue to get. This is the new article out of Daily Mail. "Scientists say we need to half Earth's population to just 4 billion to save the planet." You go into this study, it says achieve sustainability by easing easing population by 4 billion by 22,000. Number five. Conclusion. Let's go into the conclusion. Where do they say what's the nuts and bolts of this study? Gently ending and reversing population growth and moderating per capita impacts is a pro nature and pro-human strategy. Is it? Such a world is within our grasp, so I don't know what to say about that, but we have Bill Gates running now for energy sovereignty for these big tech companies using on the back of basically taxpayer funded build out of our energy structure. And we still have this climate conversation that is upon us. We have to reduce not only the way we live, but our very population. How about those scientists lead by example and reduce their carbon footprint and depopulate themselves first? How about that?

[00:39:46] Del Bigtree

You know, it's amazing. And you know what? I do know what to say about that. And I keep saying it. Believe them. Listen to them. These are not conspiracy theories. They're telling you they need population reduction. And I was just talking to a good friend of mine runs a water company here, delivering water to places where there well might have gone dry. And they said, you can't believe how much water is being required. We're delivering water to these new data center plants because they've already used all of their allocation. So if they want to water plants, if they want to do other things, they have to have it delivered from outside. And so think about it. If the whole thing is about resources, our resources aren't being consumed by human beings. It's being consumed by what I think will be our AI, you know, prison guards, if you will. I mean, this is crazy. We're going to stay on it. But, um, yeah, the people, the ones in charge, the ones investing in AI and controlling the world, they need fewer of us because there are they're now about to start raping and pillaging absolutely necessary resources like water, like energy. It's it's unbelievable. And I remember, wasn't it just a year or two ago, Bill Gates suddenly turned on green energy? Well, maybe I overstated it. Maybe. Maybe it's really not the crisis because he knew he was about to start investing and needing more energy. So there. Liar liar. Pants on fire. That that's that's where we're at right now.

[00:41:10] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And Senator Rand Paul has signaled that Bill Gates is being looked at as the next person to appear before his committee. We'll keep you posted on that. I want to finish off with some positive news. More positive news for the Informed Consent Action Network. In the middle of this Fauci conversation. I can is there. We're dropping or dropping truth bombs and information into this whole conversation, and we're making headlines. Here's The Epoch Times through our FOIA emails, we have created this headline. Top NIH officials wanted to shut down research into Covid 19 vaccine injuries emails. And it says in here in the quoted article, the Informed Consent Action Network, which released the missives on July 22nd, said in a statement, quote, while the emails do not prove that Collins, Tabak or Fauci expressively ordered na to abandon the manuscript, they raised questions serious questions about whether NIH leadership viewed its potential effect on vaccine confidence as a compelling reason to suppress its publication. And of course, if you read those, they're basically neurological problems popping up after the vaccine Covid vaccine began to be injected, people within the organization's NIH, FDA were saying, hey, we need to we need to document these. We need to actually put this out. And it appeared to be killed.

[00:42:19] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

And then we go into the Fauci conversation here. It's been going all over on social media continues to this day. We have Atlantic writer, one of the top writers at the Atlantic, David Frum. He goes in and he says this about Fauci. There are many Covid villains, anti-vaxxers, quack remedy touts, and of course, President Trump. Fauci is not one of them. And you can see here in the comments section, I can is being used here our actual website and these FOIA documents we just read about. And the commenter says, do you defend the NIH decision to stop studying neurological harms from the shots, abandon these people and withhold informed consent? So that's what's going on. And then we even have out of Japan Doctor Fukuda. He leads the Make Japan Healthy Again movement out there. He's a proponent for informed consent medical freedom. And he posted just recently our I can placebo table showing that most of the vaccines recommended by the CDC and its new director have not been approved with a saline placebo. And so these are massive moves. I can is at the forefront of this. These are exciting times. Justice hopefully looks like it's going to be delivered very soon. We'll be keeping an eye on it.

[00:43:29] Del Bigtree

Well, most importantly, Jefferey, the most important courtroom there is in the world is the court of public opinion. And whether the Supreme Court is with us, whether our president is with us, whether our leadership is with us. Once the people start changing their minds, there's no stopping it. And that is the freight train. The freight train of truth has now been let loose. And so that is why this work is so important. What you're saying using these ICAN documents, watching people posting, watching so many different podcasts and people using our actual talking points that we put out years ago, that was our goal to begin with Jefferey was to change how we talked about this is kind of why I had the AI game today. I want to see politicians change how they're talking about this. There's simpler ways to win this argument. We are winning this argument. Let's get it done. So Jefferey, it's very exciting. I don't know, I think it's a big if. If JD Vance does decide to bring this in the Department of Justice, I don't know where, you know, President Trump is going to be on this because he's implicated. He didn't fire Fauci. I think a lot of that is sort of behind the scenes in what they're going to try to do here, but it's been a great week. It's been a great couple of weeks, really. And in fact, it's been a great year. I keep thinking, you know, I'm pinching myself Jefferey we're achieving a lot. So much to do. But we wouldn't be here without you. Your great reporting. So keep it up. I'll see you on the download on Monday. People are loving that show. It's great. And I'll see you personally next week on the Highwire.

[00:44:57] Jeffery Jaxen, Investigative Journalist, The Jaxen Report

Alright. See you next week, guys.

[00:44:59] Del Bigtree

Alright. Great. Well, look, when you are donating to ICAN and The HighWire and the work that we do, you're helping us get these FOIA requests, we're helping us get these documents that no one would have seen. You're helping us get the Pfizer documents so that real scientists can analyze. Did Pfizer know they have injuries? That's where all of this is coming from. Nobody else is doing it. Nobody else is doing that. And that means you are that important. You are literally providing the information for the world. We can't do it without you. We can't. We need you. You help support this work, these investigations where we are producing actual intelligence that can be used in hearings is being used in newspaper articles and obviously on social media changed the conversation. So if you are not already donating, I'd love it. If you become a recurring donor, \$26 a month would be awesome. But a dollar, \$1.50, whatever. Be able to say you're involved, that you're a part of our network, the Informed Consent Action Network for everybody that makes this work possible. That has been donating. Look where we are at. Look what is happening. You know you are a part of this. You get to pat yourself on the back. And if you are a large donor out there that maybe has come into, maybe you sold your company or have brought in inheritance and you want a specific project that you can know, I did that.

[00:46:21] Del Bigtree

Reach out to us at info@ican.org and we will have a conversation with you. If you're listening right now on one of our podcasts where, uh, you don't see what's going on, just text 72022 and write in the word donate on your phone and I'll respond with a text right away. So you can join us in what is proven to be one of the most impactful, uh, efforts. Certainly when we think about medical freedom that has ever happened in history. So when we were in the middle of Covid, we were looking at all of these crazy things that were happening, lockdowns. But I had referred to Australia, you know, back when we were calling people, you know, we had this term vax holes. I said, Australia is the deepest, darkest vax hole in the world. Watching people, innocent people tackled in the streets for taking a walk. It was insane. Well, in the middle of that was a man named Topher Field who also thought it was insane. He made a documentary all about it. This is the trailer for that documentary. Take a look at this.

[00:47:26] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

I want to say to the people of Victoria that I'm sorry.

[00:47:32] Female Speaker

It's not okay. This country is being pummeled.

[00:47:37] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

I swore to protect you, and I failed.

[00:47:41] Female News Correspondent

Victoria will be in lockdown within the next 48 hours.

[00:47:44] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

We are declaring a state of emergency in Victoria. These are not designed to have zero new cases. In effect, nothing we do can deliver that outcome. This is about as everything we're doing is about flattening the curve.

[00:48:01] Female Speaker

It was unclear what the future was going to hold for anyone, and that's, I guess, where the fear began.

[00:48:07] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

We need to go harder and we need to go longer.

[00:48:10] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

This has been the most insipid and diabolical game of Simon Says I think I've ever seen in my life. Take your mask off. Put it back on.

[00:48:18] Female News Correspondent

Stage four is here. Our Covid hell far from over.

[00:48:22] Male Speaker

In many ways. Like he has that savior complex. Daniel Andrews would have made a very good preacher.

[00:48:28] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

We'll have to extend out for two weeks.

[00:48:31] Male Speaker

He had all of the power.

[00:48:33] Male News Correspondent

While Melburnians are this morning living inside a ring of steel facing \$5,000 fines if they attempt to visit regional Victoria.

[00:48:42] Female Speaker

It's it's Australia. It's not supposed to be like that. Yeah, it's supposed to be free.

[00:48:48] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

Playgrounds, basketball courts, skate parks and exercise equipment, despite the fact that it's outdoors will be closed.

[00:48:54] Male News Correspondent

Shane Patton is on the line. Chief Commissioner. Good morning. Morning, Neil. Well, the curfew is the hot issue. Were police consulted about the introduction of the curfew? No. We're going to focus on a video that's been widely shared. And it shows a woman being arrested for trying to organize an anti-lockdown protest.

[00:49:10] Female Speaker

What on earth?

[00:49:10] Male Speaker

That was actually one of the things that convinced me that I needed to protest.

[00:49:17] Male Speaker

We felt we felt a duty. And I'm more really than a duty to do something and to and to continue growing the movement.

[00:49:23] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

And frankly, I don't even I don't seriously, I'm making a serious point. I don't know what half of them were protesting against you. Well, a lot of them then. Well, good on them.

[00:49:50] Male News Correspondent

There's been an absolute embarrassment for the state, for the police that once again, when they promised us thousands were not going to be able to march on these streets. Well, they have.

[00:50:06] Female Speaker

You can still. But you are taking our promise. To us. We are light. We will burn. We don't. Think we are. You commit.

[00:50:39] Male News Correspondent

Shooting. They're shooting completely unnecessary chaos.

[00:50:57] Crowd of People

Daniel Andrews. You're gonna need a bigger camp, asshole.

[00:51:06] Del Bigtree

Well, it's an amazing film. It was an amazing moment. And if we do not learn from that moment, we are doomed to repeat it. We didn't have quite the level of hostility here in America, but I'm looking forward to speaking to somebody that was right in the middle of that, a voice that was helping, putting this gigantic rallies together. He's on a tour around the world talking about what happened there. This is Topher Field.

[00:51:32] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

I will accept nothing less than freedom. Freedom for me. Freedom for my children, and freedom for us all.

[00:51:41] Male Speaker

Who better to talk to than the man fighting for freedom and liberty.

[00:51:45] Male News Correspondent

One such person, fighting for your. And my freedom is Topher. Field.

[00:51:50] Male Speaker

Topher. Field.

[00:51:51] Male Speaker

Topher. Field.

[00:51:52] Male Speaker

13 years of Independent commentary.

[00:51:55] Male News Correspondent

The Australian documentary filmmaker behind Battleground Melbourne.

[00:51:58] Female Speaker

He has been awarded three times by the Australian Libertarian Party and won 14 awards for his documentary.

[00:52:06] Male Speaker

His content has been reposted twice by the Elon Musk.

[00:52:11] Male Speaker

This is the one and only Toker Field.

[00:52:13] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Five years ago today, I became a criminal. Melbourne, Australia named the world's most Livable City seven times in 2020. My home city was transformed to the most locked down city in the world.

[00:52:28] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

Police will be out in force and you will be stopped, and you will need to demonstrate that you are lawfully out.

[00:52:34] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

4.5 million people were placed under house arrest for 23 hours per day, and it was clear that this virus was a very low risk to someone under 50 in reasonable health. The unprecedented power grab that we have seen will affect Victorians and Australians for generations. I took a leading role in the anti-lockdown movement. I accepted the role of public enemy number one. We're here to take back the freedoms that were earned for us by the people that we built this shrine to remember people who want to be free, people who want to have choice over their own personal medical decisions. We are now being branded and treated by our own government as terrorists. It was only a matter of time before they came for me.

[00:53:12] Male Speaker

Quick video to alert you to the arrest of Topher Field.

[00:53:15] Male Speaker

We arrest you for incitement.

[00:53:16] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah, you're absolutely right. I'm inciting. I'm inciting people to exercise their human rights. The only thing that limits government power is the limit of our obedience.

[00:53:26] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Good people break bad laws.

[00:53:30] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

The future is written by those who show up. If you're an activist, there's no guarantee that you'll change things. But if no one is out there trying to change things, I can guarantee that you won't.

[00:53:38] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

At the very first anti-lockdown rally, there were 70 of us. Now there are 450,000.

[00:53:50] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

We all have our own fights to fight. So often people shy away from those fights because we're afraid of the darkness that we have to walk through. But if you ever want to stand on a mountaintop like that, you're going to have to walk through that valley first.

[00:54:05] Del Bigtree

Well is one of Australia's leading civil rights activists and director of the groundbreaking documentary Battleground Melbourne. Uh, Topher Field joins me now. Thank you.

[00:54:18] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Del. Thank you so much for having me. I appreciate it.

[00:54:20] Del Bigtree

Um, we've run into each other. We were at CPAC. We keep running into each other. Um, I did a panel on Covid. I had scientists talk about Covid, but we live in a world where everyone keeps telling us, can we just move on? That should be in our rearview mirror. Yeah. Um, When you hear that just before we get into the insanity of Australia. But when you hear that, should we be having this conversation?

[00:54:44] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So there's a couple of things straight away. Firstly, there's still been no accountability. So I'm sorry I'm not moving on until I see some people actually held to account. And that's necessary because otherwise no lessons have been learned, which means the mistakes can be repeated, but also something like Braveheart. The movie, is that irrelevant today? It happened so long ago on the other side of the world. Well, no. Hang on, it's about the human condition. It's about courage. It's about standing for what you believe in. So it's actually extremely relevant to this day. And so I appreciate the work that you do and the work that I'm doing with the documentary and the books that I've written and the conferences that I speak at. It's not about living in the past and dredging up the events of five years ago. It's about making sure that we're actually learning the lessons that are right there for us to learn and applying those into the future.

[00:55:28] Del Bigtree

I think what's driving it, really, because I've been thinking about this lately, what is the need to move on? You know, they are there are stories, as I had in my panel that you have in your film of real heroes stepping out there brave, hard moments. But I think the problem is that, you know, 70% of the world dropped to their knees and kowtowed to this thing. And I think most of them regret, regret it.

[00:55:50] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

I'm not so sure. I'd like to go one step further. You're familiar with Maslow's hierarchy of needs. That triangular. It's like a triangular construct where down the bottom is bare survival, oxygen, food, water, shelter. And then as you move up, your life gets better until it's the best it can be, which is what Maslow called self-actualization, where not only are your needs met, but you've got purpose and people that you love and people that love you in a sense of belonging. That's your best life. Most of us are somewhere around the middle. We're not desperate for survival, but we're also not living our best life. Enter lockdowns. Now. A whole bunch of people get pushed towards the bottom, their businesses get shut down, etc. we know about those people. What happens to the other group is actually more interesting. So the ones that were laptop workers or were deemed to be essential, or they're on welfare, that they're not pushed to survival troubles because of the way that Daniel Andrews, the Premier of Victoria, the petty dictator of Covid, he would be on our television screens at 11:00 every morning, rolling out the most ridiculous Orwellian language. Staying apart keeps us together. Thank you for being a part of the team that is winning this war against this once in a hundred year pandemic.

[00:56:57] Daniel Andrews, Victorian Premier

This is an opportunity to work together and we are all obliged not an opportunity to do the right thing. There's an obligation to do the right thing.

[00:57:06] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

And what he's doing is he's actually offering these people, these true believers, an opportunity to have the greatest sense of purpose, the greatest sense of belonging, the greatest sense of achievement that they've ever had. And it's easy. They just have to sit on their couch and just show up. Literally.

[00:57:20] Del Bigtree

You just do nothing, do nothing. Apathy is heroic.

[00:57:24] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So these people actually live their best life during Covid. Interesting. And when you and I challenge the policies, did we get the policies right? They don't hear a policy question. They hear a threat to the best years of their life. And I think deep down inside, most of them know they will never have another period in their life where they feel as valued and as loved and as important as what they felt during those years.

[00:57:47] Del Bigtree

That is fascinating. It, I guess in some ways you're playing into that space that Mattias Desmet was talking about in that I feel all alone. Suddenly I have purpose. All these things that just create. It's the psychology of totalitarianism. But I hadn't really put it in terms of reflecting on those that went through it. It was real for them. It really was great. I really was special. I really was a part of something. I really did have community.

[00:58:13] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

And they will fight for that feeling with everything in their in their being.

[00:58:17] Del Bigtree

Wow.

[00:58:18] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Mhm. Which means lessons aren't being learned. They're not realizing they made a mistake.

[00:58:24] Del Bigtree

But not not being learned. You're learning the wrong lesson.

[00:58:27] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

They're actually looking forward to it happening again.

[00:58:29] Del Bigtree

Wow. What do you think about percentages? Like what part of our population makes up that group?

[00:58:37] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah, I have no idea. To be honest. It's almost impossible to tell. But what I can tell you is that after Daniel Andrews, the dictator of Victoria, locked us down for over 570 days, there were people taking their own lives, people going bankrupt, anyone that already had fragile mental health was pushed well beyond breaking point. The debt that we took on, the inflation that we created, not to mention all of the impacts of the vaccine mandates and everything else that you've documented so well. After all of that, he got reelected. So the Victorian people, I think I'm trying to run a campaign. We need to rename Stockholm Syndrome and call it Melbourne Syndrome, because Stockholm Syndrome is named after, I think it's 4 or 5 hostages in a bank situation. Yeah, right. This is 4.5 million people in the city of Melbourne alone, six, six and a half in the state of Victoria, who went on to reelect the person who locked them down.

[00:59:30] Del Bigtree

Even, I mean, honestly, the images were horrific. Yeah. I mean, you know, like these storm troopers tackling grandmas, I mean, like innocent people into the pavement. Yeah. For not wearing a mask or walking down. I mean, it was, was it as bad as I mean, sometimes maybe there's it's being overly sensationalized. Sure. What was the experience actually like? Take me into that

[00:59:58] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So the worst things that happened, I actually didn't include in the documentary because I was optimistically thinking I wouldn't get an R rating, I wouldn't get the highest rating, which in the end we did anyway, because the documentary necessarily talks about mental health and suicide and other things like that. But I left out people who would get into their cars, tip petrol on the inside of their own cars and light themselves on fire. That happened twice that I'm aware of. There were people who went to high rise construction sites and jumped from the highest point of the scaffolding they could get to making a statement on purpose. Deliberately making sure the media would largely not talk about it. We know that it happened. There was enough coverage that we know that it's a fact. It happened. But it really didn't get discussed very much at all. We got to the point where not only did we have. So I'll run through for people that may not be aware. Many businesses were deemed non-essential and would just simply shut down. The.

[01:00:52] Del Bigtree

Was there any government welfare that came in.

[01:00:55] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

There so aimed at employees and then later some aimed at employers, but nothing to help the business with all of their other overheads and costs and nothing to help solo solopreneurs, solo business owners and operators there neither an employee nor an employer. There was nothing to help them, and it was grossly inadequate. But also a stipend from the government doesn't replace the sense of purpose, the sense of meaning that we that we derive from what we do, and nor does it keep it going. You cannot hibernate an economy. This is one of the many lies they told us. We're just going to put the economy into hibernation. That's not how it works. All the business relationships break down. All the consumer and customer relationships break down, the supply chains break down. You can't simply resume afterwards. Even if the government had been giving sufficient handouts, it's you know, that simply would never have been enough. But we had a situation where we were locked in our homes for 23 hours a day, and you couldn't leave except for one hour, and only then for one of the approved reasons, which was to go to a supermarket to buy essential items. So, for example, shops that had both essential items and non-essential items had to cordon off the aisles that had the non-essential items you weren't allowed to buy them, and police would check your shopping bags as you exited the supermarket to make sure you'd only been allowed to buy essential items.

[01:02:10] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

We had a thing called a ring of steel, which was military armed checked checkpoints around the city of Melbourne, where they would unironically say, papers, please, in order for you to pass through, you had to give government approved paperwork that showed that you had a valid reason for passing through. There was a five kilometer. That's about three and a half mile radius limit for anyone going away from their home. And so they had number plate scanners would scan your number plate, and if your home address came up as being too far away from your home, they would pull you over and demand to see that you had the right paperwork. Churches were shut down, weddings were canceled. Funerals were very strictly policed. We literally had police officers going into funerals. This is later in time when the vaccines were available. Um, checking the vaccination status of people at funerals with no respect whatsoever for the for the reality of the environment that they'd walked into. We saw elderly people passing away alone, giving their last goodbyes on Zoom if they were lucky. We saw many, many a last conversation missed and we saw churches get shut down.

[01:03:12] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

That that irks me particularly, uh, that they would allow the government to play God in that, in that way. So this was going on, but many people will be listening saying, well, we had similar things here. That's absolutely true. This went on for 570 days in various forms. It got stricter and less strict. Now, I spoke at the very first anti-lockdown rally. That was in April 2020, I should say, the very first publicly advertised one. Some individuals and groups of friends had done a few bits and pieces, but this was publicly advertised, and I was invited by the organizer to speak, and I'd be in a goody two shoes all my life. Up to that point in time, I was, you know, I was raised in a Christian home. I had a clean criminal record, an honorable discharge from the Australian infantry. I was I was a clean skin. And if I said yes to this invitation that I was throwing all of that away and we didn't yet know what was going to happen, we didn't know how bad the violence was going to get from Victoria Police. We didn't know that they were going to be locking people like Monika Schmidt up for 21 days in solitary confinement.

[01:04:08] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

We didn't know that it was going to get to that point, but we knew from very early on that it was going to be ugly. And so I was invited to speak at this protest, and I, I said, yes, and then on the day of the protest, I advertised it on all my socials because we couldn't advertise it before then, because they would have come and arrested us. And then I drove the one hour to where the protest was. And can I tell you, Dale, I very nearly turned around and went home. So, you know what? If I just delete those posts and drive home? Hardly anyone's going to know that I'm a coward. Hardly anyone's going to know that I lost my nerve. And I really played with that idea. And I pulled up at the location. The police were already there. They'd seen my Facebook posts, and there were, I think, three police cars and half a dozen police, and no doubt more on the way. And I was very close, you know, by then I had a son. I had a second child on the way. I was very, very close to saying, you know what? I've been a political commentator for since 2009. So more than ten years at that point, I've built a reputation.

[01:04:59] Del Bigtree

So the police had a sense of who you were. I mean, were you were you public enough that it was that you were one of the names that was going to rile this audience up?

[01:05:07] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So I'd already won multiple libertarian of the year awards. I'd already been recognized. I already was in a position where I could interview many high profile Australian politicians and so forth. I'd been in the game for 11 years at this point. And so as far as I'm aware, I'm the only public figure who spoke out right from the very start. Now there were lots of other amazing people. I was certainly not alone. Right. And they deserve their credit. But in terms of public figures, I believe I was the only one to begin with. And so I sat there and I saw these police, and I knew that if I turned around and went home, maybe not a lot of other people would know, but I would know for the rest of my life. Yes. And that would condemn me for the rest of my life. And I was terrified that I was about to find out that I'm a coward. And no man wants to make that discovery.

[01:05:45] Del Bigtree

I've been hiding that for myself for a long time. I might just come out now.

[01:05:49] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So what I did was I grabbed my phone out of my pocket and I went live on Facebook. And because everyone was locked down, they had nothing better to do. As soon as the notification comes through. Oh, Topher's live on Facebook. They jump on. And so very quickly, we had a thousand people watching, or I had 1000 people watching live. And I told them, I'm here at the protest. The police are already there. I'm going to get out of the car in a minute. I'm going to walk across the street. I don't know what's going to happen. And then I'm kind of trapped myself.

[01:06:10] Del Bigtree

Force yourself. Right? Yeah. I bullied.

[01:06:12] Del Bigtree

You, burned your boat to it

[01:06:12] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah. Correct. Correct. If I if I was about to find out that I was a coward, then so was the rest of the world. And I wasn't willing to let that happen. And so I got out of the car and I walked across the street and I spoke, and that worked out well. That day. The police left us alone. There were over 100 000 views on that live stream by the time I got home, the one hour drive home. And that was a real inflection point in my life. That's never been the same since.

[01:06:35] Del Bigtree

Yeah. You don't turn back from that moment.

[01:06:37] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah. That is that is the crossing the Rubicon.

[01:06:39] Del Bigtree

And it's what you're sitting in your car contemplating. You know it. You feel it. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I think about the moment I decided to make the documentary VAXXED I knew, I mean, I was just but I just know once I make this choice, I'm living a different life. Yeah. From here on out. And so you're, you know, when when we sit here in America and we hear that story, it's just slightly worse. I mean, we had some really crazy things. We had people being arrested by themselves on a surfboard. Yeah, yeah. In the middle of the same thing. You know.

[01:07:09] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

We, we had a mannequin arrested. This was a brilliant. So so Australians are larrikins as I as I think, you know, and we someone set up a mannequin fishing And the sun rose and the police went and someone fishing down on the beach. And they went down to, to arrest this fisherman and discovered that the mannequin had caught more than what they had. But because of the reasons to leave home, the one hour yard time that we were given, one of the reasons you were allowed to leave home was to exercise. But if you stopped and sat on a park bench, the police would arrest you because you're no longer exercising. And so elderly people that would need to get some sunshine, they'd go shuffling down to the local park and sit on a bench. Police officers would actually follow through with the arrests.

[01:07:47] Del Bigtree

How how do you describe the mentality of police officers going through that? They're human beings. They have families. This is their people. Sure, it's their country. This is your county. This is your province.

[01:08:00] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So I'm working on on my third book at the moment. And my working title for it is psycho Crats. A a a a a joining of psychopath and bureaucrat. I believe the purpose of system, which is what any bureaucracy is. It is a. It is a system. The purpose of any system is to basically turn the people that work in it into psychopaths, even though they're not actually psychopaths. They will engage in psychopathic behavior whilst still being completely convinced that they are. They are the good guy. And when you add so and they do that, excuse me, by dividing up the task into such small pieces that no one really feels responsible for any of what happens and they feel very expendable. Well, if I don't do it, somebody else is going to do it. And they give to these people an array of excuses to justify their own behavior. Then when they make them afraid of losing their job, such as lockdowns, these sorts of situations, I mean, we saw a police officer. This is one of the scenes in my documentary, and I don't know who the protester was, but there was a protester who had his camera out as he was talking to the police.

[01:08:59] Del Bigtree

We have this video. Let's take a look at it. Yeah. Hold on.

[01:09:01] Male Speaker

Go home. Otherwise, they start issuing tickets. You don't want to do it, but we will do it. If you don't want to do it, don't do it. Stand up for what you believe in rather than just go home. All right? We get paid to do this, mate. I'm just as over this protest as you are, By protest, I mean lockdown. Unfortunately, I've got to do what I've got to do and that's why I'm here to talk to you. You don't have to do that. You're choosing to do. I'm not skilled to do anything else, mate. So unfortunately, at this time of my life, that's what I have to do. The people of Amsterdam's good. We don't. We don't get paid. We're not getting food at the moment. I hear you, mate. My wife's in the same position. She's out of a job at the moment as well. I understand you've been pissed off about it.

[01:09:37] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

And what.

[01:09:38] Del Bigtree

I know it really. I my film, An Inconvenient Study that I'm traveling with right now. It really reminds me of the moment where Doctor Marcus Zervos says, look, I know what I'm supposed to do here. I'm not going to do it. Yeah. And he literally says, I'm not a good person. And this guy admits, I mean, yeah, with all like kind of lets down the bravado for a moment. Like, I don't have talent in anything else. Yeah, right. I am useless if I'm not. I'm just picking up a paycheck and I'd rather not be here too. There's an honesty to it, but as the guy says, then just walk away.

[01:10:08] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah, well, this is what I call the spirit of 1984. So I'm on a speaking tour in the US at the moment, and my message is very simple. That great danger to the United States of America today is that there is too much 1984, and there is not enough. 1776. Oh man, you guys get criticized. Americans get criticized by people from all over the world. You should be more like Europe, more like UK, more like Australia. No, forget all of that. Americans need to be more like Americans. But the original version, the OG.

[01:10:34] Del Bigtree

Yes.

[01:10:35] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

The and not what it's kind of become today, which is this europeanized kind of version. The spirit of 1984 is I will do what's best for me. I will turn a blind eye to the obvious absurdities around me. I'll let the government rewrite history. I won't say no to them, I won't. So the principle is this. The only thing in history that has actually limited the power of government is when the people reach the limit of their obedience. Now you have the Bill of rights. In the US, you have your Constitution. You have principles like the separation of power. These are good things to have. But if no one actually steps in and does something when the government oversteps those boundaries, then they can have impunity.

[01:11:16] Del Bigtree

If you don't stand up for your rights. I mean, look, it's not it's not. Our founding fathers didn't say, don't worry, the police will hold your laws. Correct? Don't worry. The government's got your back. Correct. They essentially said the laws that you don't, the rules and the laws by which we've handed you. If you don't exercise them. Yes. If you don't stand for them, if a law is suddenly unjust and you don't defy it, then you are undermining what the fabric of this nation is built upon. And people really, we've really forgotten. Yes. Which is not only are you allowed to disobey, you're required to disobey.

[01:11:51] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yes. You actually are victims of your own success. The freedom that you were given your founding fathers didn't design America the way they did in order to make you wealthy and powerful. Now, they did make you wealthy and powerful. Freedom does that, but they did it because they valued freedom above all else. They risked their own lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in order to give it to you guys. But because it brought wealth, it brought comfort. And now there's a lot of people like that police officer who are saying, well, I could speak out. I could limit my obedience in some way, shape or form, keep alive the spirit of 1776, but it'll cost me a bit too much. It'll hurt a little bit too much. My friends might disown me. I've got family members that still don't really speak to me. I've got lots of followers that I had before Covid that left and never came back. You know, I've got I was pursued with criminal charges for two and a half years by the Victorian government because of my role in encouraging people to engage in peaceful, nonviolent protests at a time when the government said that they were they were illegal. And that's I'm sorry, that's the price you have to be willing to pay, otherwise you are no longer a son or a daughter of 1776. You are a slave of 1980.

[01:12:58] Del Bigtree

How do you have it? I mean, you know, as we sort of, you know, when you think about Australia, what are, you know, what is it was inspired in you to stand up for. You don't have a constitution exactly like yours.

[01:13:11] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

So a lot of people were very confused when they saw what happened in Australia during Covid, Melbourne becoming the most locked down city in the world. And for those that don't know, by the time the violence reached its climax, we had armored cars on the streets and police lining up and just firing rubber bullets into protesters, essentially like cattle prods. And when I say protesters, I'm not talking about smashing windows and stealing flat screen TVs the way that some people, you know, call protest, I'm talking. We would literally sit on the ground as the police approached. They'd be banging their shields with their batons, or they'd have their weapons raised. And I've got this in the documentary, you'll see people saying, hey, everyone, sit down, sit down, and row upon row of people sitting down in the face of a violent police force. And ultimately, they just took glee in hospitalizing people, mass arresting people, all of that. And so the thing that confused people was, hang on, how is this happening in Australia? Isn't this isn't Australia, crocodile Dundee isn't Australia, Steve Irwin isn't Australia. This this kind of rugged masculine In place. Yeah. The most insightful thing that I believe has ever been said about Australia was said by a man by the name of Clive James. He was a British Australian commentator. And he said this the problem with Australians is not that they are descended from convicts, it's that so many are descended from the prison guards.

[01:14:26] Del Bigtree

Mhm.

[01:14:27] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

We actually have two cultures in Australia. The one that we're proud of and the one that's very appealing and the one that the world sees is kind of that convict, free settler, hard work, deal with life's hardships, you know, water off a duck's back, larrikin culture. But there's a second culture. And that came from the prison guards, the people who were sent to guard the prisoners as they came over from England. And these are the I am superior. You need to do what I say. I'll make those decisions for you. Looking into someone else's back yard to see whether they're following the rules. That culture is also very strong in Australia. Now, which of those two cultures do you think runs for Parliament? Which of those two cultures wants to work for the government, become a police officer. And so what we see is a situation where something like Covid becomes a perfect storm. They have the opportunity opportunity to have the greatest sense of purpose, like I covered earlier with Maslow's hierarchy of needs. They have the greatest fear about the consequences if they if they step out of line because there's no other job for them to step into. The whole economy has been shut down, and they were predisposed to think that they had the right to tell people how to live in the first place, otherwise they wouldn't have gone for that role. And so this is why we saw really aggressive, indeed actively violent enforcement from the police and from others, because it suited their psychology, it suited their culture, and it allowed them to get through relatively unharmed despite the harm they were doing to others.

[01:15:56] Del Bigtree

After you said, you know, they've got Melbourne syndrome, Stockholm syndrome, um, I have a sense that this is going to happen again. I don't think we've learned our lesson. People will tell me I'm crazy. No way. They wouldn't try it again. I was like, I just I see how important vaccines are as a tool, the vaccine, passport, things that really didn't get into play. I see them, they're still developing. They're still forwarding the technology so someone knows there is a play out there. So what would happen should Australia find itself? Will there be a bigger uprising or will it be the same?

[01:16:33] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

I think the next play has already started. Okay. And it looks sufficiently different that people won't make the connection. I think if they were to try and do the same kind of lockdowns, the uprising would be immediate. There are amongst the convict culture in Australia. There are many people who recognize I was too obedient back then and they wouldn't do it again. Right? However, the government knows that, and I think that the next round of lockdowns has already begun, and they're doing it by making you choose to lock yourself down through the cost of living. You don't have to lock people into a 15 minute city. If gasoline is \$15 a gallon.

[01:17:09] Del Bigtree

Which is something that's happening right now. We're not really aware of it here in America. The Straits of Hormuz being shut down, all of this in America right now, we're kind of watching like, what's Trump doing? But we're not feeling the pain. Europe, Australia, you guys are really.

[01:17:21] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah.

[01:17:22] Del Bigtree

So tightening the purse strings in a major way.

[01:17:24] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

If airfares were five times more expensive and gasoline was five times more expensive and electricity was five times more expensive, they don't need to tell you not to leave your house. You will make that choice. And you'll think, oh, it's the economy. In fact, it's perfect for the politicians. They can. It's a failure of capitalism. This is why we need more government intervention. It's kind of this perfect setup. I believe it's already begun. Now, things like the flock cameras and the surveillance that comes with that are really, really important to this idea. And then programable digital currencies kind of complete the set. One of the things that I one of the reasons why I'm in America speaking at all is because once this is fully constructed, once it's actually all in place. I've seen it. I've traveled to China and I saw their surveillance based social credit system in action. I saw the amount of fear that ordinary Chinese people had about being observed, going about their daily activities, taxi drivers and people on the street. Once it's in place, it is going to be very, very difficult to get rid of. I agree. And so we have an interesting situation. I'm going to use London as an example because I don't want to get myself arrested. I've had that experience a few too many times already, and I don't know whether I'm protected by First Amendment in America not being a US citizen. So let me talk about London for a second. Okay. In London, their mayor, Sadiq Khan, brought in a thing called the ultra Low Emissions Zone. And this was an area in the inner city of London where if you had an EV or a low emissions vehicle, you were allowed to drive as normal. If you didn't any other vehicle you got charged. I believe it was 12.50 pounds per day for entering that area in a non low emissions vehicle, which I think that's sort of 17 USD or 16 US, a lot of money. It adds up real quick.

[01:18:59] Del Bigtree

Yeah.

[01:18:59] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Sure. And this was enforced by essentially digital checkpoints, cameras not dissimilar to the flock cameras that we're seeing proliferating around the US at the moment. That would recognize number plates and look up a database and send you a bill if your car was the wrong kind of car. And what emerged organically, and this is very similar to the protest movement that emerged organically in Victoria when the lockdown started. What emerged organically in London, the movement known as the Blade Runners. Now, some people go out there and they do surveillance and they find where the cameras are, and they post that online. Nothing illegal about posting information on the internet. Then others will use that information, including information about where the other surveillance cameras are. That might that might be able to see the, the, the asset. And they will then act on that information with a Sawzall or a reciprocating saw, and they'll cut these cameras down. And this is a campaign that's been going on now actually for, for well over a year. And people complain about that and they say, that's vandalism. That's not civil disobedience, that's vandalism. They're defacing and destroying public property. They're, you know, the taxpayers paid for those cameras. Well, let's have a think about that philosophically for a second. Vandalism means that you are destroying or defacing or rendering less useful something that somebody else owns. They paid for it. They it is the way that they like it to be.

[01:20:11] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

They want to use it the way that it is. And you are damaging that. By that definition, Sadiq Khan was vandalizing the roads of London for the people of London, the taxpayers, the ratepayers who paid for them to be built in the first place, he is actually defacing and decreasing the usefulness and the value to the rightful owners, which are the ratepayers, right. So I would suggest to you that if cutting down the cameras is vandalism, then putting them up in the first place for that purpose was actually vandalism. Now, let me segue to America for a moment. The the flock cameras, and there's other brands as well. Flock safety are not the only game in town. They're a slightly different thing. This is essentially stalking. Now. They justify it on the basis that it's all public. The cameras are in a public place. They're looking at you in a public place. Well, a stalker can still be convicted of stalking even if they stay in a public place. If they're stalking you and recording your movements, you're still allowed to turn around and go, no, hang on. You can't do that. You're stalking me. The second point that I would make is if you see somebody putting up 15 foot cyclone fencing around your home with razor wire on top, you don't have to wait until they've closed and locked the front gate before you go.

[01:21:14] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Hang on. You're building a prison. You can't do that if someone's putting bear traps outside your front, your front door, you don't have to have stepped in one and lost your leg to go. You're trying to hurt me. You're allowed to notice. So this apparatus is being built. You're allowed to notice that. Now, I would suggest that if someone's putting up 15 foot fences around your property, you're probably within your rights to start punching holes in that before they've completed the lock up. So I would suggest that the efforts to stop flock safety from proliferating and all of the other competitors from proliferating around the US, of which some great successes have been had more recently. I think those efforts are absolutely crucial. And if Americans are sitting there saying, okay, this 1776 thing, the spirit of 1776. What does it mean in practice? Find the organizations that are pushing back trying to stop local cities from having them. I believe the Los Angeles Police Department, quite remarkably, allowed their contract with FLoC to actually expire, because there's now so much concern around privacy and around the Fourth Amendment and so forth. Get on board that at the very least, because that is a crucial piece of architecture that is being built. And once it's built, it gets very difficult for us to control how it gets used. And so I believe we have to stop it from being built.

[01:22:28] Del Bigtree

My last question for you is how much time do you think we have?

[01:22:36] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

I said, so I began commentating on politics in 2009, and I said back then, the problem is that people don't care about politics until it hurts them. The silver lining of Covid and this is going to sound weird, but stick with me, is that it hurts so many people. Yeah. And as a result, an enormous number of people have actually started paying attention. And now we have things like the pushback against flock cameras.

[01:22:59] Del Bigtree

And we got Robert Kennedy Jr. As HHS secretary. That doesn't happen without Covid. We have a reaction whether how much he can do in a corrupt government. Different story. But what I think he represents is a gigantic shift in the mindset of certainly Americans.

[01:23:15] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

Yeah. Without question. How long do you have? That depends on whether Americans can get good at limiting your obedience. If you can recapture that spirit of 1776, you've got another 250 years ahead of you. This is the question that I've been asking at each of the conferences I've spoken at. Congratulations on your 250th.

[01:23:32] Del Bigtree

I mean, it's funny because I asked that question just sort of as a world concept. You made it about America. Is America an important piece of this?

[01:23:39] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

It's an essential piece. And Americans sometimes weirdly don't like me pointing this out. There is no other country that was founded on the foundation that you have. I actually genuinely, and I'm happy to go on the record and say America is the greatest country on earth, and I love Australia. Yeah, but America is genuinely unique, and if you lose what makes you unique, which is not the power and it's not the money, it's the freedom. If you lose that, that almost certainly will never come back in a similar form in any country ever again. There are no more continents to, to, to settle. It's very unlikely that we're going to see another revolution built on those same principles. But America has been lulled into a false sense of security by your own wealth. Now, if you want to know what a wealthy but not free country looks like, have a look at what's happening in China. Mhm. Lots of wealthy Chinese. They're not gaining freedom. The wealth does not buy freedom. Freedom generates wealth. But. But the other order doesn't happen. And so holding on to wealth is not a guarantor of freedom. Holding on to military might and having the most advanced military is not a guarantor of freedom. At an individual level, it might help you to stop invasions, but that's a very different thing. Yeah. Your entire founding principle is freedom from tyranny and from from conquest, both foreign and domestic. Your own government was one of the biggest potential enemies that your founders identified and wanted to protect you from. And as I said at the beginning, this comes down then to can the American people recapture the spirit of 1776? The. The courage to say no, the courage to limit your obedience and to pay the price that comes with that.

[01:25:12] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

And I can tell you, the price is very high. It was a very unpleasant two years. I'm still recovering in some ways, the strain on my family. And I don't say that because I want sympathy. The strain on a lot of people was terrible, and there were incredible people whose names I don't even know who did, who did amazing things during that time. And they're kind of unsung heroes of that time. And they paid a terrible price as well. But that's necessary. We have what we have because our ancestors, in whichever country you're in, they paid the terrible price that was due in their generation, and we owe it to our children to pay whatever price is required of us in our generation. And we have to do it. Even though we're uncertain of success. We have to do it. Even though the future has not yet been written. We are the people writing the future and it is on us. I said at the at the very largest protest that happened after the police backed down, we finally forced Victoria Police to say, you know what? We're not doing the violence anymore. We're going to let the protests happen. And they made the government back down. And then hundreds of thousands of people turned out. And I spoke to that protest, and I said to them, future generations are watching us. They're reading about this moment in a history book. And for America, future generations are reading about the 250th. And I said to those people gathered there that day, they will come to you, and they will say, what did you do?

[01:26:28] Del Bigtree

Yeah.

[01:26:29] Topher Field, Filmmaker and Libertarian Commentator

And I'm proud to say that I risked everything. And I will accept nothing less than freedom. Freedom for you, freedom for me, freedom for my children and freedom for us all. That has to be the core burning belief of every American. And you have to put it into action.

[01:26:48] Del Bigtree

Amen. Really great. Look. Stick around. You have a daughter on the autism spectrum. And you believed she was one of those examples that weren't affected by vaccines. But there's a twist to the story. We'll get into that. If you want to stick around for off the record. Great. Look, you know it's upon us, but how we carry ourselves, what is the story we're telling? One of the ways you can tell the story of America in this 250 year anniversary. We're in and represent the passion you have for there being another 250 years out ahead of us is to go to our shop, our store, The HighWire dot shop, and check out all the gear that is celebrating American with ICAN in the center of it. Take a look at this.

[01:27:38] Male Speaker

Good evening. On the Highwire

[01:27:47] Female Speaker

We asked and you delivered, showing us how you Highwire.

[01:27:51] Female Speaker

This is how we Highwire.

[01:27:53] Female Speaker

This is how we. Highwire.

[01:27:54] Female Speaker

Team Highwire is being repped from all over the world.

[01:27:58] Female Speaker

Sporting our new Highwire gear in the Free State of Florida.

[01:28:01] Male Speaker

When I wear this cap, it makes me feel proud.

[01:28:04] Female Speaker

I am a doula and a childbirth educator, and I love wearing my Get Factsinated T-shirt.

[01:28:09] Female Speaker

Sometimes it's not just what you wear, it's who you meet while wearing it.

[01:28:13] Female Speaker

When I was wearing this shirt yesterday, a tourist came up to me and said, love that shirt.

[01:28:17] Male Speaker

Since 2020, when I woke up from The Matrix, I've been talking to neighbors, connecting with local groups.

[01:28:24] Female Speaker

There are a lot of people that are a little bit hesitant about approaching the topic of vaccination, and this wearing this shirt allows them to approach me, and I know exactly where to send them.

[01:28:33] Female Speaker

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[01:28:52] Female Speaker

Thank you so much. Keep it up.

[01:28:54] Male Speaker

Thank you for spreading truth.

[01:28:55] Female Speaker

We love you guys. Thanks for what you do.

[01:29:00] Del Bigtree

I think one of the scariest things Topher said during that, that the people that did lock down, that was their highlight of their life. That was the high point of their life. They will do it again. They want to return to, you know, being justified, to just sit in their houses and do nothing and judge everyone around them. I don't know if I agree with that, but I get the point. And you have to ask yourself, am I one of those people? Where am I going to be? And what's going to happen to this nation in America that Topher is obviously saying is critical? I think he's right. If we lose the battle for freedom, if we allow one party to, you know, basically memory hole to bury, like, you know, Raiders of the Lost Ark, to take everything that we could learn right now, in this moment about freedom and where we lost it, where we went wrong, and what those attacks were, where they came from. And we take that information and we just shelve it deep, dark into some, I don't know, deep state CIA dungeon, then we are really going to be in trouble. It's our voices that make the difference. We cannot wait for Robert Kennedy Jr. We cannot wait for these officials. We got them there. We voted. That matters. We've done that part. But our job doesn't stop there. He's going to do whatever he can do. Those people that are, you know, that we're electing are doing what they can do. But if we don't keep waking up, people around them, pull them out of, you know, that glory. I guess they felt like they experienced by being locked down and judging everyone around them.

[01:30:32] Del Bigtree

If we don't keep evolving our society around us, you know, helping reach, reaching out to the ones we love, then our future is spelled out for us. It is clear that half this country, or at least half of our governance and probably half around the world, want to protect the possibility of an authoritarian future. And I want to say, as I had some fun today, putting perfect words into an AI version of Robert Kennedy Jr. I think he did a brilliant job in that debate with Dana Bash. It is very hard to you know, I've been there when you're getting peppered with questions, when they keep moving the goalposts. You're also trying to, you know, hold on to some level of decorum. It is a very difficult place to be in. And so it's always easy to armchair quarterback. And my concern of that is that you think you have to have a perfect argument before you're ready to have these conversations. There's no perfect conversation in the real world. We do the best that we can, and it's that effort that keeps moving the needle. So don't wait until you have the perfect argument. You can read some of them. You can see the ones that I make. But just speak from your heart. Speak your truth with everyone you meet. That is the perfect argument. That is what freedom of speech is all about. And that is how we change the world. Do you? You be. You. Believe in yourself, believe in your ideas, and know everyone deserves to hear from you. If you recognize that you express yourself, all of these problems are going to disappear. This is the Highwire. I look forward to seeing you next week.

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